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The Soup Tureen, ca 1940:
large cubist abstracted
modernist interior painting oil
on canvas

Price

GBP 900

| USD \$1,219 | EUR 1,053

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Date of manufacture: 1940

Dimensions

Height = 93 cm (36.6")

Width = 83 cm (32.7")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

This striking painting depicts a classic early 20th century interior, with a soup tureen on a sideboard that is reflected in the mirror behind it. There is a wonderful juxtaposition between the stillness of the scene and its cubist rendition with dynamic lines and fractured light. I want to tell you about the artist who painted it, but let me tell you about the initial owner of the work first: it belonged to the Belgian writer and Goncourt Prize winner Charles Plisnier (1896-1952). Plisnier was a Communist in his youth and briefly belonged to the Trotskyist movement in the late 1920s. He later disavowed communism and became a Roman Catholic, remaining nevertheless a Marxist. He turned to literature, writing family sagas critical of bourgeois society. Perhaps our painting held a certain symbolism for him. It is a work by Brussels-born Charles Herman Hoffman (1900-1973) who came from a family of artists: he was the son of Guillaume-François Hoffman (1863-?), painter and professor of anatomy, and the brother of Lucien Hoffman (1891-1951), sculpture and professor at the Academy of Fine Arts in Brussels. Charles Hoffman was a discreet artist who loved producing sti...

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